



## FORESTRY CONTEST

### APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation Dist. ~ Idaho Dept. of Lands ~ U.S. Forest Service  
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### Where and When

**When:** **Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**, the day you have been preparing for, is 5 weeks away!

**Where:** The Delay Farm, west side of Hwy 95 between mile markers 454 & 455. A large red & white Forestry Contest sign is by the turnoff. Watch out for fast-moving trains as you drive in across the double RR track.

<u>Jr/Sr Division Schedule</u>	<u>Rookie Division Schedule</u>	<u>Novice Schedule</u>
7:45 – 8:45 Registration	8:00 – 9:00 Registration	
8:45 – 9:00 Announcements	8:45 – 9:15 Announcements	8:45 – 9:00 Announcements
9:00 – 9:25 Walk to contest site	9:15 – 9:55 Walk to contest site	9:00 – 11:40 Beginning of
3 Horn Blasts & Contest Begins	10:00 – 12:15 Testing/Instruction	Instruction on 4 Stations
9:30 - 12:45 Testing		11:40 – 1:00 Lunch & Noon
12:45 – 2:00 Lunch & Awards	11:40 – 1:00 Lunch & Awards	Program

**Teams and Coaches:** Please try to arrive early enough to get the registration completed so students can listen to announcements and make it to their first testing station on time.

**BBQ Lunch:** After the competition, a free BBQ hamburger lunch will be served - then the Awards will be given. Buses will load for the return trip around 2:00 p.m.

**Volunteers:** Remember to check in on the west side of the big machine shed before going to your station/etc. – this is where you receive your promotional item!

7:30: Registration & Scoring crews arrive

7:45: Station Supervisors arrive. Brief your crews by 8:30

7:50 – 8:20: All other volunteers arrive.

### Coaches!!! Map & Compass Training on April 14, 2012

UI Extension is offering Map & Compass training on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at their office in CdA, 1808 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, from 9 am to 4 pm, for \$5.00. Call 446-1680 to register by Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>! Kurt Koetter is teaching!

### Registration - What to do when you get there☺

- **Registration Tables** will be set up in the machine shed. Pick up your packets, check them for accuracy as far as number of teams and individual competitors – make any changes & let Registrars know, then hand-write the complete list of your competitors. Distribute the color-coded brochures with attached Identification Stickers to your students (each Contestant has their own number and group color assignment). Have them immediately write their names on all ten stickers and wear one of the stickers as a name label.
- **Students:** At each station when the tests are handed out, place one of your Identification Stickers on the form and write your name legibly. Tests without names or labels are given a zero. *Any student who changes their assigned color group will be disqualified.*

- **All competitors:** A separate table near registration will be set up for promotional items for contestants. Registration packets will include an extra identification sticker that students turn in at the promotional table. Please have students pick up a promotional item right after they are registered.

## Prepare for All Test Stations

**ALL TEN sections in your manual will be tested.** Manuals are online at the following websites:

The Bonner SWCD website is: [www.northidahoswcds.org](http://www.northidahoswcds.org) and,  
the IDL website is: <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry-contest/index-forestry-contest.html>

## Be Prepared for the Weather!

As you all know, the spring weather in northern Idaho can be very unpredictable. Please encourage participants to bring extra warm clothes in layers, and water-proof shoes or boots if possible. Also bring **rain gear** - just in case. The weather can change quickly. Tents will be set up at each station, but coaches are encouraged to bring large garbage bags to be used as raincoats for students who forget to bring rain gear.

## What To Bring

Participants should bring **two pencils**, a **clipboard**, a **calculator** and a water bottle. Clipboards can be made using thin board, a clip on the end, and a piece of acetate to cover the test in case of rain.

## Honorary Chairman for 2012 – Bill Love

Congratulations to Bill Love, this year's Honorary Chairman! This is very fitting for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, as Bill is one of the three co-founders of the Idaho State Forestry Contest! He received his Bachelor's degree in Forestry from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Bill then worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a forestry technician and later for the Idaho Department of Lands as a private forestry specialist and Forestry Assistance Bureau Chief, where he recently retired from after 33 years. He has also served on Type 2 and Type 3 interagency fire teams. Bill is currently working with Inland Forest Management, Inc. as a consulting forester.

Bill is a Certified Forester with the Society of American Foresters and a Certified Tree Farm Inspector. He is Past Chair of both the Board of Directors of the Inland Empire Natural Resources Youth Camp and the Inland Empire Reforestation Council. He is the treasurer of the Selkirk Chapter Society of American Foresters and a current member of the Idaho Forest Owners Association.

Bill has been beacon and spokesperson for the Forestry Contest and has been actively involved from the beginning, performing as the Master of Ceremonies for the event and serving on the steering committee. It is exciting to have such a foundational player of the contest honored at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the event!

*Thank you, Bill, for your 30 years of dedication to the Idaho State Forestry Contest!*

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